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MISSIONS (MLM) PERSONNEL AS OBSERVERS

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1. IN TRIPARTITE DISCUSSION UK AND FRENCH BONN GROUP
REPS, ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, HAVE EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH US VIEWS (REF B) ON UNDESIRABILITY OF INVITING SOVIET MLM PERSONNEL IN FRG TO SERVE AS OBSERVERS OF MANEUVERS. BOTH REPS STATE ALSO THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS OPPOSED EXPANDING THE FUNCTIONS OF THE THREE ALLIED S
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MLM'S IN POTSDAM TO INCLUDE A CBM OBSERVER ROLE.

2. WE THINK IT SAFE TO ASSUME THAT THE FRG WILL ALSO
CONTINUE TO OPPOSE INVITING PERSONNEL OF SOVIET MLM'S
TO SERVE AS OBSERVERS WHEN WE RAISE THE QUESTION IN THE
FULL BONN GROUP EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR. AS ONE FONOFF
OFFICIAL HAS NOTED IN INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF THE
SUBJECT, THE SOVIET MLM'S ARE A REMNANT OF OCCUPATION
POLICY WHOSE RESPONSIBILITIES THE FRG HAS NO INTEREST IN
INCREASING. MOREOVER, BECAUSE THE ALLIED AND SOVIET
MISSIONS FUNCTION ONLY IN THE GDR AND THE FRG, RESPEC-
TIVELY, THEIR USE AS OBSERVERS WOULD TEND TO GIVE A
SPECIAL GERMAN FOCUS TO CBM'S WHICH WOULD BE POLITICALLY
UNPALATABLE.

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